



Alaska Board of Fish
Sitka Meeting

Re: Proposal 164
Special Provision," Yakutat, Lagoon"

I would like to speak IN FAVOR, of designating the Village Lagoon and Village Lagoon Drainage as Youth Only area.

This stream is located in town near the Boat Harbor. It is a tiny stream that you can literally step across, and does not have a significant amount of fish. Definitely, not in the numbers to support a "full blown" sport fishery.

It is one of only two streams that are within walking distance of "town". I have watched my children and now my grand children walk to this area and catch their first salmon, and very proud to bring one fish home for the season. There are many other locations for sport fishermen to drive to on the road system, to get the "true Alaskan experience", without overcrowding this tiny system. Additionally, there is no place to park at this location, except on the designated walk way for pedestrians, there by forcing them to walk in the traffic lanes when walking to and from the boat harbor, or hiking trail.

This is the perfect place to designate a "Youth Only" fishing area

Signed.
Sam L. Demmert